

## Public Works Jobs Set For 15th District

Contracts for six public works jobs in the 15th councilmanic district were awarded during the past month, Councilman John S. Gibson announced. Awards totaled more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Three of the contracts were financed wholly from city and state gasoline tax monies with such contributions totaling \$265,680 of the \$278,191 in contracts.

Top job of the lot was the paving of Central Ave. from Century Blvd. to the south city boundary at 120th St. Widening of Shepard Ave. in San Pedro was another major item in the list. Assessment district jobs, for which property owners in that particular area must pay, totaled \$12,511.

Ten projects, all assessment act proceedings, are scheduled for contract in the coming 30 days under normal processing, the councilman said. Distributed throughout the area, these jobs are all for street improvements. Some have been in process since 1952, but the majority, expedited under a new procedural ordinance sponsored by Gibson, will go from petition to contract in less than 18 months.

Acquisition of right of way for the widening of Imperial Highway between Central Ave. and Mona Blvd. has been completed, Gibson said, paving the way for this major street improvement and orders have been issued for such work on Lomita Blvd. in Wilmington. Both will be financed jointly from city, county and state gasoline tax funds.

## First Aid Class Opens On Tuesday

First Aid, including artificial respiration, treatment for shock, and civil defense training, will be offered at Torrance Evening High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning Tuesday.

This standard first aid class, sponsored by the Torrance Branch of American Red Cross, will be taught by Mrs. Marguerite A. Ferguson. Red Cross certificates will be awarded to those completing the eight-meeting course which will be concluded on March 31.

Persons interested in enrolling in this tuition-free standard first aid class may register with the instructor in Room 101, Torrance High School, at the first class meeting.



**AILING SCOUT HONORED** . . . A stay in the hospital was made a little more pleasant for Daniel Holly, 12, Wednesday night, as he was presented with his tenderfoot badge, which he failed to get earlier because of his illness. Scoutmaster Robert Rogers of Troop 951, stands at left, as the presentation is made. Shown are Patrol Leader Roger Harris, Wayne Bilson, Holly, and Breal Rowe. Holly has sugar diabetes.

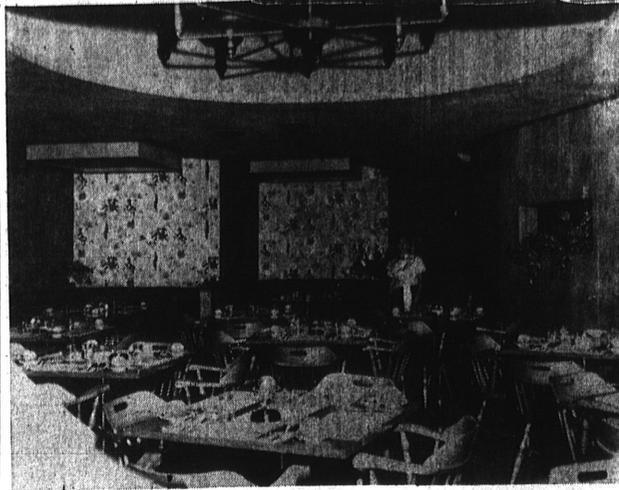
## ACCENT Chosen as Name of New Theater Group in City

"ACCENT; Theatre!" of Torrance is the banner under which the newly-formed community drama association here will function, according to H. L. "Frank" Heinlein, elected president at an organizational meeting last week at the YWCA.

ACCENT stands for the Association of Cultural-Civic Enterprises Needing Theatre — with an "accent" on theatre, he said, and will operate as a non-profit group dedicated to the advancement of the dramatic arts in this community.

Other officers of the new organization include Mrs. Paul Harestad, vice-president; Miss Betty Kissler, secretary; and Martin Humphreys, treasurer. Ed Cantle will act as chairman of the Constitution and by-laws committee, which has as members Mrs. Kenneth McVey, Mrs. Jim Wood, and Jack Norris. Mrs. Bonnie McCoy will act as special adviser.

In charge of arranging re-



**OPEN FOR BUSINESS** . . . The Sunset Room, new addition to the Westerner at Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave., was opened last week-end, according to owners Laurence Batty and John Bleckham. The new dining room will feature merchants luncheons from 11 a.m. and will specialize in charcoal broiled steaks and sea food at the dinner hour. It will be open daily. 127 can be seated in the new restaurant.

## BOARD ASKS PLANS FOR 2 SCHOOLS

Architect's drawings for the new Arlington and Sepulveda Schools were requested Tuesday night by the Torrance School Board.

The educators voted to ask George F. Schreiber to make plans and specifications for Arlington School, to be located at 178th and Arlington Aves. A new 274-home subdivision is planned in the area soon, the board was told.

The new Sepulveda School plans will be made by Roy Donley. The school, located in a soon-to-be-developed area, will be northwest of Anza and Sepulveda. An 816-home subdivision is scheduled to be built there soon.

Board members indicated that they would consider a different type of building for these schools — stucco instead of the present concrete — but wanted to think over the change.

In other action, the board voted to offer Milton Kauffman and Don Wilson \$66,182 for the Sepulveda School site. The builders had set a price of \$75,450 for the land.

Board members indicated they did not feel that they should pay part of the costs of developing the entire tract, which included storm drains, abandonment of three oil wells, and drainage basin, sump, and sewer work in the plan presented by the builders.

## Services Today For Auto Dealer

Memorial services will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes at 10:30 this morning for Matthew B. Whittlesey Jr., Torrance auto dealer, who took his own life in his Palos Verdes home Thursday afternoon.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 15, 1912, Whittlesey attended Detroit Country Day School, the Culver Military Academy, and Raymond Rlordan Boys School in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Prior to joining his brother, George, in the Whittlesey Motors Co. here in the fall of 1951, "Matt," as he was known to his many friends, had been active in his father's brokerage business in Detroit, in the Detroit Trust Co., and in other enterprises.

**Helped Form Company**  
During the war he was with the Fischer Body Works, a d left to join the new Great Lakes Tractor Co. as one of the original employees. He was instrumental later in forming Dearborn Motors, the Ford Tractor Division.

Since moving to California in 1951, he has lived with his family at 4009 Via Pavon, Palos Verdes Estates.

His widow, Melva, an accomplished artist, has been active in Palos Verdes groups including the Palos Verdes Players, a dramatic organization. Whittlesey was a member of the Palos Verdes Kiwanis Club, and was active in the St. Francis Episcopal Church of Palos Verdes.

**Leaves Three Children**  
He leaves his widow and three

children, a son, Matthew B. Whittlesey III, 3, and two daughters, Diane 17, and Sidney 15.

He also leaves his brother, George, partner in the automobile agency here; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Whittlesey Sr., of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. James M. Joyce, a consulting psychologist of Detroit; and three brothers, Fred, who operates a guest ranch at Tucson, Ariz., John M., an indus-



(Herald Photo)  
**M. B. WHITTLESEY JR.**  
... Death Mourned

## Obituaries

### Alvin Brem

Final rites for Alvin W. Brem, 34, of 159 W. 220th St., were held Wednesday in Mottell's and Peek Chapel. He died Tuesday.

A painter, he was born in Davis, Okla., and had lived in California for ten years. He was a member of the LaShell Assembly of God Church, and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his widow, Mary; two sons, Wade Steele and Richard Lynn Earl Brem; two daughters, Alvina Sue and Marjorie Brem, all of Torrance; mother, Alice C. Pattie, of Seminole, Tex.; and brother, Linton C. Brem, of Crane, Tex. Burial was in Crane, Tex.

### Frank Jesse Jordan

Funeral services for Frank Jesse Jordan, 81, of 2435 W. 231st St., were held Saturday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. C. M. Northrup officiating.

A native of Missouri, he died Wednesday in Harbor General Hospital.

He is survived by a daughter, Frances La Marr, of Torrance; sister, Julia Barnes, of Covina; and two granddaughters, Kenneth and Jacqueline La Marr, of Torrance.

Burial was in Roosevelt Cemetery.

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**Board OKs \$21,472 Bid for HS Lockers**  
The Torrance School Board Tuesday night accepted a \$21,472 bid from Worley and Co. to furnish lockers for the soon-to-be-completed North Torrance High School.  
A lower bid, of \$19,880 from Petley, Inc., was rejected because it did not meet the specifications set forth in the instruction, and administrators said these lockers were not acceptable.

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**75 Pigeons Stolen**  
Seventy-five pigeons were taken from her back yard, Ida R. Colson, of 326 W. 214th St., reported to sheriff's deputies Thursday.

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